

In RE application of H. WATANABE et al

Serial No.: 10/721,088

Group Art Unit: 2188

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Examiner: K. L. Ellis

For: STORAGE SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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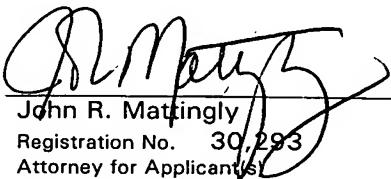
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.